

Community Engagement and Public Information Department



**IMPORTANT EMERGENCY  
INFORMATION – PSA #19, May 1, 2020**  
**Voters Encouraged to Vote by Mail in June 23  
Primary Election**

FOR IMMEDIATE

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TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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Gloucester Voter Registrar Bobbi Morgan has announced several ways voters can participate safely in the Dual-Party Primary, which will be held June 23, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Voters are encouraged to begin the process by filling out an Absentee Ballot Application. Ballots will be available beginning May 8, which is the day Absentee Voting begins.

**Apply Online**

One option available to those wishing to vote is to apply online by visiting <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>. This online voter registration option will work for those who have a Virginia DMV license or DMV ID card. Those who do not have a Virginia DMV license or DMV ID card will be instructed to print, sign and mail the application to the Voter Registrar's office at: General Registrar, P.O. Box 208, Gloucester, VA 23061. After the application is processed, the voter will receive his or her ballot in the mail.

**Apply by Mail**

Voters without internet access can call 804-693-3659 and request an absentee ballot application form be mailed to them. The completed application can then be mailed to: General Registrar, P.O. Box 208, Gloucester, VA 23061. After the application is processed, the voter will receive his or her ballot in the mail.

**Submitting a ballot**

Once voters receive their ballot, Ms. Morgan encourages them to carefully review the instructions, complete and return their ballots by 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters are further encouraged to return their ballots using the Registrar's new Vote-By-Mail Ballot Drop Box located outside, behind Building #1 (on the parking lot side) at 6467 Main Street. Beginning May 8, this box will be accessible 24 hours per day until 7 o'clock on Election Night.

**Apply In-person**

An alternative way to participate in the election is to visit the Registrar's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the same address for curbside voting beginning May 8 and continuing through Election Day. Curbside voting will also be available Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Look for signs near the back door on the parking lot side. Voters should bring a completed application and a Photo ID. Applications can also be requested in-person. After the application is processed, voters will be provided their paper ballots. "Curbside voting will be implemented for all in-person voters at this time," Morgan said. "We will be exercising safety measures for your health and ours – please be patient."

"The Virginia Department of Elections encourages voters to protect their health during the COVID-19 outbreak," Morgan said. "Voting by mail is strongly encouraged." She said voters may choose reason 2A, "My Disability or Illness" for absentee voting in the June elections due to COVID-19. Voters who choose this option should do so as soon as possible so they can get their ballots in time to return them by mail by Election Day. The last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is June 16, while the last day to get registered or make changes to your name or address to be eligible to vote in this election is May 26 by 5 p.m.

As with all Dual-Party primaries in Virginia, voters must be prepared to indicate which ballot they would like (Democratic or Republican) and can only vote in one of the two elections. Morgan said voters do not need to call the Registrar's Office to change their Party Affiliation, as no one in Virginia is registered by party.

For more information, contact the Voter Registrar's Office in Gloucester at 804-693-3659 or by visiting [www.gloucesterva.info/Registrar](http://www.gloucesterva.info/Registrar).

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